

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL

MARCH 13, 2013

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. with Jerry Kent, Acting Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Gerald Mohr and Janet Kile were absent.

Vice Chairman Jerry Kent called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved on a motion by Kevin Spilman and seconded by Warren Norris.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on the Pioneer/DuPont River abatement was conducted at 8:03. Jerry Kent asked for public input from the audience. ECDC director John McCane offered a favorable recommendation to the project. With no other comments Councilman Kent declared the hearing closed.

Attorney Leigh Morning presented County Council Resolution 2013-2 Establishing an Economic Revitalization Area. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Dr. Dorothy Boersma presented a request for an additional appropriation for the Medical Reserve Corp Grant Fund in the amount of \$4,198.39. Warren Norris moved to approve with Marvin Hedrick seconding the motion. Motion carried.

ECDC

John McCane the new ECDC director addressed the council and welcomed the opportunity to be working with them. Carolyn Bunzendahl reiterated that Jeff Quyle from Hoosier Energy will conduct a short training session on abatements at the conclusion of the April 10th Council meeting.

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

The auditor presented an amended salary ordinance to include the full time salary for the EMA director, the additional amount needed for the Chief Probation Officer, and the amount for part-time employment in the Records Perpetuation Fund. The ordinance was approved on a motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Warren Norris.

HEALTH FAIR

The board was reminded of the Rush County Health Fair which is being conducted by Rush Memorial Hospital with the coordination of APEX medical group. A county employee “Biggest Loser” contest has also been initiated as a segment of our “Healthy Bucks” program. We have thirteen (13) employees competing in this initial round.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported an inmate count of 40. Sherwood stated that the Community Corrections program should have impact on the inmate population.

The new boiler has been installed and should be cost efficient.

Sherwood stated that he has ordered one new truck and one SUV at a cost of \$35,000 of his \$40,000 budget. The sheriff proposed that if additional funds could be added another vehicle could be purchased using the \$5,000 balance in lieu of budgeting for next year. Leigh Morning was asked to verify if Cum Cap funds could be used for the additional \$10,000.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Warren Norris. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor